Setting up of heavy industries in backward districts

2951. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up heavy industries in the backward districts of the country during Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (e) In a deregulated industrial environment, decisions to set up industries are taken by the entrepreneurs. The State Governments are primarily responsible for industrial development in their respective States. The Union Government supplement the efforts of the State Governments through various schemes to provide incentives and/or to improve infrastructure facilities. Besides, the Union Government is also implementing packages of incentives for the special category States of the North East (including Sikkim) and the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand in view of the adverse geographical locations and other specificities of these States.

Financial assistance to tea exporters

†2952. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production of tea in tonnes in the country during the last year alongwith the quantity exported out of the same;

(b) whether Government is providing any type of financial assistance to the tea exporters at present; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether any such scheme would be introduced in the future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) The estimated production of tea in India during 2008-09 is 972,770 tonnes and the export of tea from India is 190,640 tonnes.

(b) and (c) Government through Tea Board is providing financial assistance to tea exporters under the Market Promotion Scheme. A transport subsidy of Rs. 1.50 per kg. is provided for teas exported through Inland Container Depot (ICD) Amingaon. In keeping with Market Development Assistance (MDA) guidelines exporting companies having Free on Board (FOB) value of exports upto Rs. 15 crore (or below) in the previous year are eligible for reimbursement of travel cost and built up furnished stall for participation in fairs/ exhibitions/buyer-seller meet etc. subject to prescribed upper ceiling per tour. In the EXIM Policy 2009-14, tea has been included as one of the items eligible for the Duty Credit Scrip of

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5% on the export value of the consignment under Visesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) Scheme.

International Policy net work report's on fake medicines

2953. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken notice of the London based International Policy Net Work report that pronounced India as one of the largest producers of fake medicine and other organizations cautioned India on drug quality or suffer loss of business; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to the report. However, the basis of the Statements made therein and source of the data given is not known to Government of India.

Land allotted to cement companies in Madhya Pradesh

†2954. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cement companies alongwith the total land allotted to them on lease for excavation work for cement industries in Rewa, Satna and Sidhi;

(b) whether such industries are reducing the fertility of farm land and if so, by which manner cement industry is compensating the affected families of farmers; and

(c) if not, the measures being taken by the Central Government to provide compensation to them after assessing the losses of such farmers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Chinese Encryption devices in Air Force and NTRO

2955. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese Encryption Devices have found their way to the Indian Air Force and National Technical Research Organisation; and

(b) if so, whether Government has instituted any inquiry into the matter and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Question does not arise.

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